

1 IN THE CLAIMS

2 --1. - 20. (Cancelled)

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4 21. (Currently Amended) A method for the presentment and resolution of a bill, debt or other
5 transaction, said method comprising the steps of:

6 storing bill, debt or other transaction information from a creditor in a database

7 ~~associated with a transaction community;~~

8 generating a statement based upon said information;

9 sending said statement to a debtor requesting payment, said statement including (i) an

10 authorization code unique to said creditor and (ii) an invitation for said debtor to

11 resolve said bill or debt by accessing ~~said a~~ transaction community ~~without~~

12 ~~system enrollment;~~

13 providing means for said debtor to access said transaction community upon input of

14 said authorization code without system enrollment on an account specific basis

15 by said creditor or by said debtor; and

16 interactively promoting an exchange of information between said debtor and said

17 creditor for resolving said bill, debt or other transaction.

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19 22. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein said means for providing access is selected
20 from the group consisting of an Internet website, an interactive voice response telephone system, a live
21 operator, an electronic kiosk, and a customer service center.

1 23. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein said resolving said bill, debt or other
2 transaction includes payment of said debt by check over the Internet.

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4 24. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein said resolving said bill, debt or other
5 transaction includes payment of said debt by credit card over the Internet.

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7 25. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein said resolving said bill, debt or other
8 transaction includes payment of said debt by check through the mail.

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10 26. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein said resolving said bill, debt or other
11 transaction includes payment of said debt by credit card through the mail.

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13 27. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein said other transaction includes making a
14 charitable contribution.

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16 28. (Original) A method according to claim 21, wherein said other transaction includes making a
17 campaign contribution.

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19 29. (Original) A method according to claim 21, said method further comprising the step of:
20 consolidating payments received from said debtors such that collected payments are
21 properly allocated to said creditors.

1 30. (Original) A method according to claim 21, said method further comprising the step of:
2 providing said debtor with advertising materials appropriate for said debtor.
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4 31. (Currently Amended) A system for the management of a bill payments, debt payments or
5 other transactions, said system comprising:

6 a database for storing bill or debt information received from a plurality of creditors;
7 means for generating a statement each of a plurality of debtors based upon said
8 information from each of said creditors;

9 means for providing said statement to each of said debtors, wherein said statement (i)
10 requests payment and (ii) provides each of said debtors with an authorization
11 code unique to each of said creditors;

12 a transaction community accessible by said debtors, without system enrollment on an
13 account specific basis by said debtor or by said creditor, following input of said
14 authorization code, said transaction community enabling interactive
15 communication between said debtor and said creditor for resolving said bill
16 payment, debt payment or other transaction;

17 wherein said debtors are invited to resolve said bill payment, debt payment or other transaction
18 by accessing said transaction community.
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1 32. (Original) A system according to claim 31, wherein said transaction community is accessible via a
2 means selected from the group consisting of an Internet website, an interactive voice response
3 telephone system, a live operator, an electronic kiosk, and a customer service center.
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5 33. (Original) A system according to claim 31, wherein said resolving said bill payment, debt payment
6 or other transaction includes payment of said debt by check over the Internet.
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8 34. (Original) A system according to claim 31, wherein said resolving said bill payment, debt payment
9 or other transaction includes payment of said debt by credit card over the Internet.
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11 35. (Original) A system according to claim 31, wherein said resolving said bill payment, debt payment
12 or other transaction includes payment of said debt by check through the mail.
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14 36. (Original) A system according to claim 31, wherein said resolving said bill payment, debt payment
15 or other transaction includes payment of said debt by credit card through the mail.
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17 37. (Original) A system according to claim 31, wherein said other transaction includes making a
18 charitable contribution.
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20 38. (Original) A system according to claim 31, wherein said other transaction includes making a
21 campaign contribution.

1 39. (Original) A system according to claim 31, said system further comprising means allocating
2 consolidated payment funds to said creditors.

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4 40. (Original) A system according to claim 31, said system further comprising means for providing
5 said debtor with advertising materials appropriate for said debtor.--

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